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Filed:	07/03/2001	Docket No.:	BLD920010008US1 (0526)
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A SPOT FUNCTION FOR DIGITAL HALFTONING		

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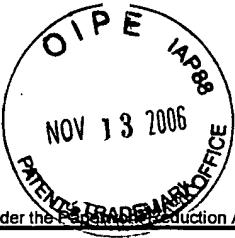
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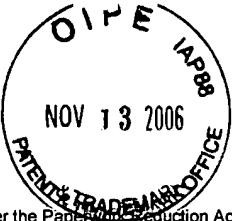
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